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The President and Fanfani talked mainly about the Jupiter problem this morning and they did it entirely alone, with a translator. Fanfani took the line that while the missiles were of no military significance, he might come under political attack if they were removed. He had been warned by his Foreign Minister and his Defense Minister that there would be a political debate, and he apparently felt that he himself might be accused of softness toward the left-wingers who want the missiles out. The President asked Bob McNamara to press home with Fanfani this afternoon the degree of military advantage that would come from getting the Jupiters out and getting on with other and less vulnerable weapons systems. Bob plans to do this especially by emphasizing how much of a hostage the missiles are at a moment of tension. The President's view is that we should go hard down this line, on the ground that we shall never have a better chance to get these dangerous weapons off the scene before a new crisis, and he believes that we should continue to emphasize with Fanfani the advantages of a firm and early decision.

There is still some disagreement as to whether Jupiters themselves should be mentioned in the communique. Both Alexis Johnson and George Ball think it is better not, but Bob is very eager to have the general proposition of modernization, including ^{mentioned and to} Sergeant-for-Corporal and Polaris-for-Jupiter ~~surfaced~~ on a background basis at least. The Communists are beginning to talk as if this were some sort of nefarious Cuban bargain, and it seems to Bob important to get our own reasoning and purpose clearly and firmly stated now. I must say I agree with this latter view.

I am having this delivered to you at lunch because it seems to be very difficult to catch up with one another, and you may want to look at it and speak with the President about it before you leave the White House.

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